

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday February 20th 2000

East Cork News

The Annual General Meeting of the East Cork Radio Group EI7M was held last week at the Club's premises at Power Head.

The club has been relatively inactive during the past year, the only serious activity being the IRTS Field Days.

In an effort to get more activity for the coming year, the leadership of the group was passed to the younger members with Cormac EI4HQ being elected to the position of Chairman/Secretary and John EI8IR was elected Treasurer. Denis EI6HB continues as QSL manager.

Plans are well in hand for a trip to Bere Island for the Islands On The Air Contest in late July and of course all the field days will be supported again this year.

A standing invitation is extended to any amateur who would like to get involved with the Group.

Information from Cormac at 021-814972 or on E-mail at cormac@necl.ie.

In other news from East Cork, we hear that Mike EI4HF is off on his travels again. This time he is leaving for a three week trip to Bangladesh and Cambodia where he will be working on logistics with an international aid agency.

He hopes to be on the air from both countries and information on operating times etc. can be had from Denis O'Flynn EI6HB.

WRTC 2000

Every four years an international Olympic type event is held for radio contesters. The last one was in 1996 in the San Francisco area in the United States and this year's event is being held in Slovenia.

The aim of the event is to find the best contest operators and this is achieved by giving all competing two man teams similar stations in the same general locality. They take

part in the IARU HF Championships over the second weekend in July and all teams use 100 watts, a three element Yagi and dipoles. The teams are selected from the top contesters worldwide based on average results over a range of contests.

Anybody planning a holiday in Europe this year should consider a few days in Slovenia to coincide with the WRTC.

Over one thousand amateurs are expected in the town of Bled in North West Slovenia where a wide ranging programme of events has been arranged by the organising committee. Hotel based accommodation is available for about £25 per night and prices in general seem much cheaper than we are used to.

The programme starts on Wednesday July 5th and will finish with a gala dinner on the following Monday night when the winners will be announced.

A visit to their web site is well worthwhile where all information is available. The site is wrtc2000.bit.si.

South Dublin Radio Club AGM The Annual General Meeting of South Dublin Radio Club will take place on Tuesday 29th February at 8.00 p.m. in the club QTH at Ballyroan Community Centre, Marian Road, Rathfarnham. This is an important meeting and all members are requested to attend.

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group AGM The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will hold their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday next 23rd February at 8.00p.m. sharp.

The venue for this meeting is the Roanmore GAA centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford, opposite Hillview. All members are asked to attend.

Millennium DX Marathon

The WestNet DX Group wishes to remind operators that the absolute closing date for receipt of entries for their Millennium DX Marathon is March the 1st. Any entries received by Declan EI6FR after that date will not be considered.

You still have time to look back in your log and see how many DXCC entities you worked during 1999. Score one point for each one on 10, 15 or 20 metres; 3 points for 40 or 80 metres; 5 points for 12, 17 or 30 metres and 10 points for each one on Top Band.

2 bonus points may be applied for each entity worked on CW and 3 points may be applied for each entity worked on RTTY.

There are two sections, one for those licensed since January the 1st 1996 and the other section includes everybody else.

Any queries will be dealt with by Declan Craig EI6FR and entries should be with him by March 1st.

A substantial radio related prize awaits the winners of each section.

Dates for your Diary

An EI activity weekend is being held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March the 17th to the 19th. We need as many counties as possible active.

The Limerick Radio Club will hold their annual rally on Sunday the 26th of March 2000 in the Limerick Inn Hotel. Information from Paul EI6FE at 061-360122, evenings only The IRTS AGM will be held in The Four Seasons Hotel on Monaghan over the weekend of April the 8th and 9th.

Enquiries to Stephen Hand GI7UIM/EI7FKB on 087-2932438.

The Worked All Ireland Island Activity weekend will be held over the third weekend in June, that's the 17th and 18th.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be phoned to Dave Moore at 021-883555 in the evenings or to 021-823172 during office hours. You may also e-mail to ei4bz@eircom.net or to ei8ir@eircom.net Input for the Newsletter should be sent to Kevin EI7IM at QTHR, on the phone at 01-4509514 or by e-mail to ei7im@qsl.net.

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